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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR.

FOR: LIMIT AC/EA/J INFO D/PAS, DC/EA, C/EA/CI

SLUGS: WNINTEL

*SUBJECT: NEWS STORY ON<LEE HARVEY OSWALD>AND CIA

REF: NONE

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE PROVIDE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF
*PROJECT OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR DECLASSIFICATION OF<KENNEDY>
*<ASSASSINATION>PAPERS.
2. [REDACTED] ADVISED ~~COS~~ AT RECEPTION LAST NIGHT
THAT LOCAL UPI REPORTER IS ABOUT TO FILE A STORY BASED ON LOCAL
RESEARCH AND AN INTERVIEW WITH A RETIRED MARINE OFFICER WHO CLAIMED
*TO BE<LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S>COMMANDER IN JAPAN THAT OSWALD WAS
RECRUITED BY CIA WHILE STATIONED WITH THE MARINES IN JAPAN IN THE
1950S. UPI CORRESPONDENT OFFERED [REDACTED] A CHANCE TO COMMENT.
[REDACTED] DECLINED. ~~COS~~ SUGGESTED THAT MUCH, IF NOT ALL PAPERS
ON OSWALD'S PERSONAL HISTORY HAVE BEEN DECLASSIFIED FOR USE BY MEDIA,
*RESEARCHERS AND<ASSASSINATION>BUFFS AS PART OF OVERALL<KENNEDY>
*<ASSASSINATION>DECLASSIFICATION PROGRAM. ~~COS~~ ALSO RECALLED THAT THE
UPI REPORTERS STORY, IN SOME FORM, ALSO HAS ALREADY BEEN WRITTEN.
HENCE, AS A LONG SHOT AT KEEPING A CIA-RELATED STORY FROM SURFACING
[REDACTED] THEREBY PROMPTING [REDACTED] JOURNALISTS TO PURSUE THE SAME
INFORMATION. ~~COS~~ SUGGESTED TO [REDACTED] THAT ~~GHE~~ PASS NUMBER OF
THE HISTORICAL OFFICE AT HEADQUARTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEALING WITH
PUBLIC QUERIES TO THE REPORTER, ADVISING THAT HIS SCOOP MAY, IN FACT,
BE OLD NEWS.
3. WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE NAME AND/OR NUMBER THAT UPI
REPORTER COULD CALL AT ~~HEADQUARTERS~~ HISTORICAL OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR
*<JFK ASSASSINATION>INQUIRY DECLASSIFICATION. IF THERE IS ANOTHER
OFFICE AT NATIONAL ARCHIVES OR ELSEWHERE THAT HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR
SUCH INQUIRIES, THAT WOULD BE FINE AS WELL. THANKS FOR THE HELP.

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5. FILE: NONE. DECL OADR DRV HUM 4-82.

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